

Claims:

1. A method of loading multicell cuvettes into a measurement instrument, in which method a cuvette package is placed in a device frame which has a space to accommodate said cuvette package and from which the multicell cuvettes of the cuvette
5 package can be unloaded into said instrument, wherein:

10 - supporting the cuvette package at least from its rear end at the last multicell cuvette in the row, from in front of the package, from the bottom side of the multicell cuvettes and, at the mouth level of the reaction vessels, along the edge area adjacent to the bonding strip which keeps the multicell cuvettes of the package together, and

15 - pulling the bonding strip keeping the cuvette package together off from the multicell cuvettes, whereby said cuvettes are separated from each other for loading into said instrument.

2. The method as defined in claim 1, wherein the cuvette package is supported at its edges by placing over the cuvette caddy box a dispensing device cover having an opening with a width not smaller than the width of the bonding strip, via
5 which opening it is possible to remove the bonding strip that keeps the package together.

3. The method as defined in claim 1, wherein the cuvette package is supported at its edges by means of lips formed to side walls of the device frame.

4. The method as defined in claim 2, wherein, after the bonding strip serving to keep the cuvette package together is removed, the dispensing device cover is removed from above the caddy box and the multicell cuvettes are loaded with the help
5 of a separate pusher element into the measurement instrument.

5. A device for loading multicell cuvettes into a measurement instrument, said device comprising a device frame with a bottom, side walls and members for supporting the front end and rear end of a multicell cuvette package placed in said device
5 frame, wherein:

- lips adapted to the walls of said device frame so as to be located at the height of the top surface of said multicell cuvettes from the bottom of the device frame and projecting inward over the edge of the cuvette
10 package inserted in said device frame, yet leaving a gap between the opposing tips of said lips not smaller than the width of the bonding strip which keeps the cuvette package together.

6. The device as defined in claim 5, wherein said members for supporting the front end and rear end of said cuvette package are spaced from each other at a distance suitable for accommodating a row of 25 multicell cuvettes.

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7. The device as defined in claim 5, wherein the lips at the side walls of the device frame are made to the internal walls thereof.

8. The device as defined in claim 5, wherein the lips at the side walls of the device frame are formed by the edges of an opening made to the removable, on the device frame fitting cover of the dispensing device.

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9. The device as defined in claim 8, wherein said device incorporates a separate pusher element which is suitable for pushing the multicell cuvettes into the measurement instrument and when attached to the cuvette caddy box acts as a dust cover.

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10. The device as defined in claim 5, wherein to one side wall of the device frame is formed an elongated recess to accommodate the hooked end of the multicell cuvettes.

11. The device as defined in claim 6, wherein the lips at the side of the device frame are made to the internal walls thereof.

12. The device as defined in claim 6, wherein the lips at the side walls of the device frame are formed by the edges of an opening made to the removable, on the device frame fitting cover of the dispensing device.

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13. The device as defined in claim 6, wherein to one side wall of the device frame is formed an elongated recess to accommodate the hooked end of the multicell cuvettes.

14. The device as defined in claim 7, wherein to one side wall of the device frame is formed an elongated recess to accommodate the hooked end of the multicell cuvettes.

15. The device as defined in claim 8, wherein to one side wall of the device frame is formed an elongated recess to accommodate the hooked end of the multicell cuvettes.

16. The device as defined in claim 9, wherein to one side wall of the device frame is formed an elongated recess to accommodate the hooked end of the multicell cuvettes.

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